



13 MAR 2000

09 46322 SAH
#3A
6.2600

PATENT

Docket No. 258.00040101

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Stefan Sanner

Group Art Unit: 1743

Serial No.: 09/446323

Examiner: Unknown

Filed: 3.29.00

For: Herewith

DEVICE FOR TAKING AND EXAMINING SAMPLES

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Attn: Box PCT
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

The present application is U.S. National Stage Application of International Application No. PCT/EP98/03764, filed 19 June 1998.

Prior to taking up the above-identified application for examination, please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

- N/E
- At line 1 of claim 2, please delete "or 2".
 - At line 1 of claim 3, delete "or 2".
 - At line 1 of claim 5, delete "or 4".
 - At line 1 of claim 7, delete "to 6".
 - At line 1 of claim 8, delete "to 7".
 - At line 1 of claim 9, delete "or 8".
 - At line 1 of claim 10, delete "to 9".
 - At line 1 of claim 11, delete "to 10".